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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 29-30 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant's prior United States Patent 6,804,225.

Claim 29 is amended to claim the limitation of a user workstation that accepts input from the registered user defining parameters for establishing a call connection, determines if a packet network connection to the LDSP server is available and establishes a packet network connection to the LDSP server if one is not available, and communicates said parameters to said long distance service provider server in the form of a call connection request message sent over the packet network connection to the LDSP server.

Claim 29, as amended, therefore clearly distinguishes over the teaching of Applicant's prior art Patent 6,804,225. The rejection of claims 29-30 and 33 is thereby traversed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lang in view of Furman et al.

Claim 31 is amended to improve clarity. Claim 31 depends from claims 30 and 29. For reasons set forth above with reference to claim 29, no combination of Lang and Furman et al. teach or suggest the invention claimed in amended claim 31. The rejection of claim 31 is thereby traversed.

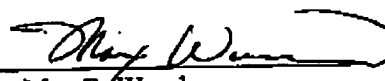
Claim 32 is likewise currently amended to improve clarity and is patentable over the cited prior art for reasons set forth above in detail with respect to claim 29.

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In view of the amendments to claims 29, 31 and 32, this application is now considered to be in a condition for immediate allowance. Favourable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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